

House Resolution No. 3865

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State couples who have admirably demonstrated the strength, depth, and vitality of their love through the longevity of their marital vows; and

Whereas, fifty years ago Junior Wells took the lovely hand of his beautiful bride, the former Erma Ryon, as the two pledged their troth during a solemn wedding ceremony which was performed on June 6, 1955, at Herando, Mississippi; and

Whereas, five decades later Junior and Erma Wells of Van Buren observed their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a festive gathering of family members and friends on May 21, 2005, at the First Assembly of God Church; and

Whereas, the marital relationship of Junior and Erma Wells has been richly blessed down through the years by the love and affection of their children, Ladonna and John Holloway; and their grandchildren, Ryon Todd Holloway and Faith Elizabeth Holloway; and

Whereas, Junior Wells is a World War II veteran of the United States Navy who subsequently retired from a civilian career related to automotive fuels and services, while Erma Wells served in local government as a city clerk and the first female city mayor and who remains active on the West Carter County Ambulance Board and the Carter County Missouri University Extension Board; and

Whereas, Junior and Erma Wells used the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary to reflect on the many changes which have occurred in their lives, in society, and around the world since the blessed day they became husband and wife; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pauses in its diverse daily activities in order to recognize such stellar citizens as Junior and Erma Wells during momentous times in their lives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive marriage engaged in by Junior and Erma Wells and to convey to them this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and our best wishes as they celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Junior and Erma Wells of Van Buren, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3865, adopted June 27, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker